Shortage of Fertilisers in States

*90. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where there has been shortage of fertilisers for the Kharif and the Rabi crops of this year;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken for adequate supply fo fertilisers to those States; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure adequate benefit of fertiliser subsidy to marginal, small and big farmers?

'THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN)

STATEMENT

(a) to (d). The availability of major fertilisers like Urea, DAP and MOP during Kharif and Rabi seasons (upto 15th November) in the current year, has been generally satisfactory. Temporary shortages of certain fertilisers, however, have been noticed in certain States resulting from constraint in the movement of materials and shortfall in local production. The level of opening stocks of materials in States as on 1st April, 1991, was also low. Arrangements, however, have been made to meet the shortfall in supply from alternate sources including imports. The availability of major fertilisers is monitored intensively in close consultation with the manufacturers and suppliers of fertilisers and every effort is being made to maximise indigenous production and to ensure timely movement. The major fertilisers supplied to the farmers are being subsidised by Government. In addition, arrangements have been made to exempt small and marginal farmers from the impact of the price increase notified with effect from 14th August, 1991 and an amount of Rs. 405 crores was allocated to the States for this purpose.

E.S.I. Hospital in East Delhi

*91. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a E.S.I. Hospital in East Delhi for the convenience of the industrial workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). A 200 bedded ESI Hospital is already functioning at Jhilmil in East Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Constitution of Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums/Commissions

*92. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts in the country where consumer disputes redressal forums/commissions have not yet been constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986;

(b) the reasons for delay in setting up each forum/commission by the State Governments;

(c) the directions given by the Supreme Court in its orders dated 19 September, 1989 in this matter and the names of the